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Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I have recently become aware of yet more cruelty routinely inflicted on helpless chickens agonizingly imprisoned in "Henitentiaries." This heinous practice is the forced molting of layer hens, consisting of tricking the hens into laying more eggs by ruthlessly depriving the sad birds of food and water for two weeks or more, which results in hundreds of thousands of hens slowly starving to death due to this excruciating trauma.

I am outraged at this painful revelation in addition to the other miseries and atrocities that these gentle, intelligent fowls are forced to endure in brutal animal concentration camp factory "farms."

I absolutely dispise this production line torment of living, sensitive animals for greedy human profit and insatiable human consumption, which is one of many reasons that I became a vegan many years ago, and continue to urge others to do so.

Peta's latest extensive expose of this violent aspect of the suffering of sweet, social chickens helplessly caught in these assembly line nightmares is totally unacceptable and indefensible, and must be universally abolished.

I demand that the U.S. Department of Agriculture immediately ban forced molting of layer hens.

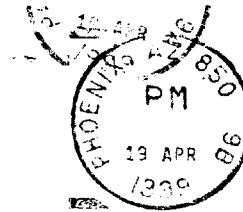
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